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Annual Report to the EIC for Fiscal Year 1964

by

The EIC Working Group on Aid and Trade Activities of
Communist Countries in Less Developed Areas
of the Free World

1. Activities during FY 1964

A. Several changes have been made in the style and content of the EIC-R14 series of semi-annual reports during FY 1964. They have included:

1. The title of the EIC-R14 series was changed from "Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas" to "Aid and Trade Activities of Communist Countries in Less Developed Areas of the Free World" to avoid the connotation of a monolithic grouping of the Soviet Bloc and Communist China. Moreover, by using the term "aid and trade activities" rather than "economic activities" our coverage of Communist military assistance activities is now more accurately reflected.

2. It was also agreed that the Semi-Annual published in February of each year will appear in a somewhat abbreviated version with individual country sections replaced by area surveys. The August issue will comprise a fuller treatment.

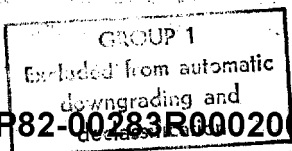
3. A machine tabulation and print out of all statistical data on Communist credits and grants to less developed countries by project was successfully accomplished during the past fiscal year. In the interests of speed, conformity and storage, all statistical data (including trade, academic and technical trainees, economic and military technicians, etc.) now have been put into the machine and the print out incorporated into the published report.

B. The inclusion in the Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives of such general guidance as "aid policy toward Bloc and non-Bloc countries" and "changes in trade and aid activities with less-developed countries reflecting developments in the Sino-Soviet conflict" has been of only limited usefulness to the Working Group whose function it is to assess such developments.

2. Evaluation of the Role of the Working Group

The Working Group has effectively served as a forum for inter-agency review and coordination of the community's views on Communist

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aid and trade activities in less developed countries. The machine tabulation of the statistical data in the EIC-R14 series should prove increasingly useful to the members of the Working Group and to the Agencies they represent.

3. Future Program of the Working Group

No significant changes in operation of the Working Group are envisioned for the immediate future.

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